

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of all the claims now in the application (i.e., claims 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 27 and 28) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Initially Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 27 were allowed. Applicants have cancelled all of the remaining claims in the application. Applicants have added a new claim 28 which is similar to allowed claim 9 but rewritten to define the dual curve of the lateral and medial sides of the cutting block as having curved surfaces lying in a plane parallel to either the anatomical transverse plane and the anatomical frontal plane. Applicants have attached standard descriptions of these planes which are well known to those of ordinary skill in the knee resecting art.

As claimed, if the cutting block were inserted into an individual who is standing, the transverse plane would be parallel to the ground and the frontal plane would be perpendicular to the ground and parallel to the front of the body. Thus, the medial and lateral sides of the block would have the claimed curve along the length of the block lying in the transverse plane and the curve between the proximal and distal surfaces of the block lying along the frontal plane. The last eight lines of both claims 9 and 28 starting at "wherein said body" are identical.

Consequently it is believed that new claim 28, although worded differently, it is of the same scope of allowed claim 9.

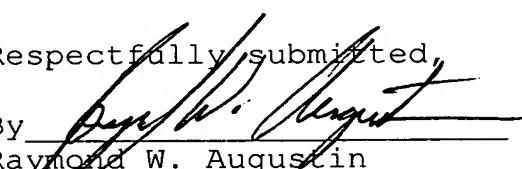
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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